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# Letter dated 22 August 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to a recent Israeli media blitz relaying reports that the regime's Prime Minister and Defense Minister have decided to launch an attack on Iranian nuclear facilities. These reports indicate that Israeli officials, unwarrantedly and based on erroneous and false presumptions regarding the peaceful nuclear activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, threaten the use of force against the Islamic Republic of Iran by signalling the imminence of an Israeli attack on the nuclear facilities of the Islamic Republic of Iran to such an extent that the former Vice-Prime Minister of the Israeli regime in a televised interview insinuated that such a purported Israeli attack has been planned in "a hasty and irresponsible" manner.

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses, once again, its deep concern over, and strong condemnation of, such a provocative, unwarranted and irresponsible statement by the Prime Minister and the Defense Minister as well as other officials of the Israeli regime who frequently threaten the Islamic Republic of Iran with a military strike. Such statements are in flagrant violation of the most fundamental provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the basic principles of international law, and are against the global efforts to strengthen regional and international peace and security.

The irony is that there has been no reaction on the part of Western leaders and/or relevant organs of the United Nations, including the Security Council, vis-à-vis the inflammatory remarks and baseless allegations levelled against the peaceful nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Rather, some even spare no occasion to align themselves with such statements.

Needless to say, the Israeli regime's record of crimes and atrocities amounting to crimes against humanity and its clandestine development and unlawful possession of nuclear weapons are unparalleled in the world. Contrary to the Israeli records, the Islamic Republic of Iran is a leading nation in rejecting all kinds of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons. As a State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Islamic Republic of Iran has, on many occasions, declared that nuclear weapons are the most lethal and inhumane weapons and therefore have no place in the defence doctrine of the country.

I wish also to reiterate my Government's position that the Islamic Republic of Iran has no intention of attacking any other nations. Nonetheless, in accordance with its inherent right under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Islamic Republic of Iran would not hesitate to act in self-defence in response to any attack against the Iranian nation and to take appropriate defensive measures to protect herself.

I would highly appreciate it if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Eshagh **Al Habib**
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